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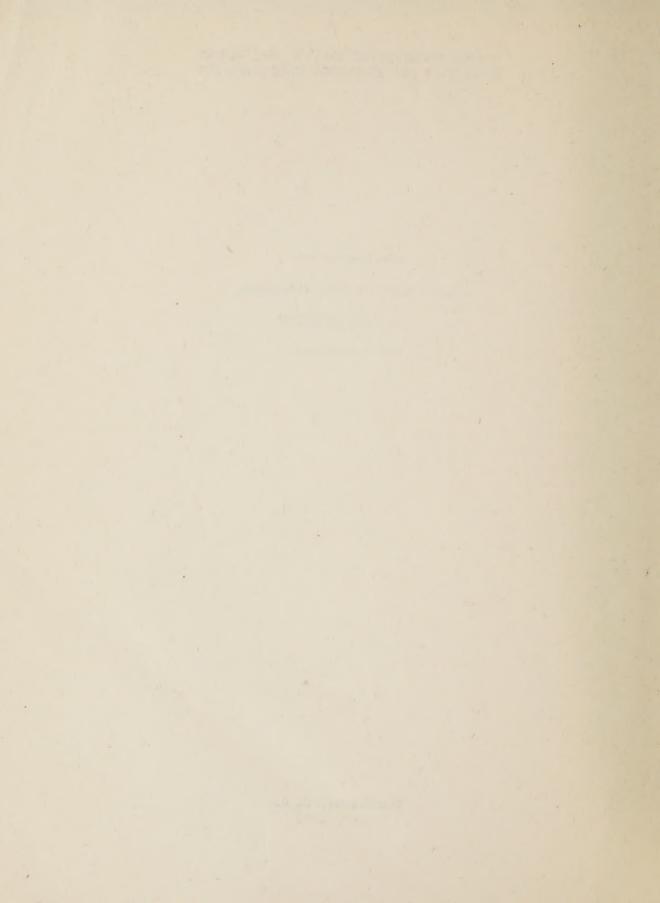


UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

3CHECK LIST OF USDA STANDARDS

FOR FARM PRODUCTS





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Definitions

A MANDATORY STANDARD may be defined as an official standard, the use of which is compulsory in the conditions specified by the law under which that standard is promulgated; for example, the Official Grain Standards of the United States for Wheat are compulsory under the terms of the U. S. Grain Standards Act, when such grain is shipped by grade in interstate commerce.

A PERMISSIVE STANDARD may be defined as a standard which has been worked out and recommended officially for optional use. Permissive standards are used by the USDA in such lines of work as inspection and market news. They are often adopted by States as mandatory under certain conditions.

A TENTATIVE STANDARD as here used may be defined as a standard that is offered by the USDA for use under commercial conditions to test its practicability or as a basis for discussion. It is still subject to further study and investigation before being officially recommended. Such a standard may later become either a permissive or a mandatory standard, according to circumstances.

(Revised to January 1, 1949)

MANDATORY STANDARDS

Under U. S. Cotton Standards Act and U. S. Cotton Futures Act:

Cotton:

Grade and Color:

American Upland. Last revision effective August 1, 1947. (SRA-PMA 165) American Egyptian. Last revision effective March 20, 1941. (SRA-AMA 163) Sea-Island. Last revision effective August 10, 1939. (SRA-AMA 163)

Length of Staple:

American Upland. Original representations, last revision effective August 1, 1929. Additional lengths effective August 1, 1933. (SRA-PMA 165) American Egyptian. Original representations effective August 1, 1929.

Additional lengths effective August 10, 1943. (SRA-PMA 165)

Sea-Island. Original representations effective August 10, 1939. (SRA-PMA 165)
American Cotton Linters:

Grade:

Effective August 1, 1926. (Multilithed circular)

Effective October 31, 1928. (Multilithed circular)

Under U. S. Grain Standards Act:

Grain:

Barley. Last revision effective July 1, 1937.

Corn. Last revision effective January 20, 1937.

Feed Oats and Mixed Feed Oats. Last revision effective July 1, 1935.

Flaxseed. Last revision effective July 1, 1935.

Grain Sorghums. Last revision effective July 1, 1935.

Mixed Grain. Last revision effective July 1, 1935.

Oats. Last revision effective June 1, 1947.

Rye. Last revision effective July 1, 1941.

Soybeans. Last revision effective September 1, 1942.

Wheat. Last revision effective October 1, 1937.

(Handbook of Official Grain Standards of the United States, slightly revised 1947)

Under U. S. Export Apple and Pear Act of 1933:

Apples and/or pears. Last revision effective August 8, 1947. (Multilithed circular)

MANDATORY STANDARDS -- Continued

Under U. S. Standard Container Acts of 1916 and 1928:

Containers:

Climax Baskets. Last revision effective December 23, 1943.

Berry Boxes. Last revision effective December 23, 1943.

Till Baskets. Last revision effective December 23, 1943.

Hampers. Last revision effective December 23, 1943.

Round Stave Baskets. Last revision effective December 23, 1943.

Splint or Market Baskets. Last revision effective December 23, 1943.

(Reprint from Federal Register of December 23, 1943)

Under U. S. Warehouse Act:

(Note: In storing a commodity for which U. S. standards have been officially promulgated, such official grades must be used if warehouse receipt states the grade. In the absence of such grades, the law authorizes the licensed warehousemen to use official State grades, and in the absence of State grades then such other grades as the Department may approve.)

Under Tobacco Stocks and Standards Act: (For reporting stocks of leaf tobacco)

Tobacco. Classification of leaf tobacco. Effective 1929.

(Multilithed circular)

Under Tobacco Inspection Act:

Flue-cured Tobacco. U. S. Types 11, 12, 13, and 14. Effective August 11, 1936. Fire-cured Tobacco. U. S. Types 21, 22, 23, and 24. Effective December 1939. Burley Tobacco. U. S. Type 31. Last revision effective January 18, 1938. Dark Air-Cured Tobacco. U. S. Types 35, 36, and 37. Last revision effective December 5, 1944.

(Mimeographed circulars)

Under Naval Stores Act of 1923:

Rosin, gum or wood. Last revision effective December 1946.

Turpentine (gum spirits of turpentine, steam distilled wood turpentine, destructively distilled wood turpentine, or sulphate wood turpentine)

Last revision effective December 1946.

(Reprint from Federal Register of December 27, 1946)

Cotton and Fiber:

For preparation of long-staple cotton. Announced May 20, 1929. (Tentative) (SRA-BAE 117)

Cottonseed Sold or Offered for Sale for Crushing Purposes within the United States. Last revision effective August 1, 1945.

(SRA-PMA 165)

Hemp Line and Hemp Tow. Last revision effective August 1, 1945. (SRA-PMA 165)

Dairy and Poultry Products (including Rabbits):

Butter. Effective February 1, 1943.
(Reprint from Federal Register)

Cheese, American Cheddar. Effective May 1, 1943. (Tentative)

Cheese, Swiss. Issued October 15, 1944. (Tentative) Cream, Churning. Issued February 15, 1935. (Tentative)

Milk, Dried Skim and Dried Whole Milk. Effective May 14, 1943. (Tentative)

Milk, U. S. Grade A Sweetened Condensed Milk. Issued February 6, 1948. (Tenta

Eggs, Shell (Consumer). Effective August 18, 1948.

Eggs, Shell (Individual). Effective December 1, 1946.

Eggs, Shell (Wholesale). Effective February 1, 1948.

Chickens, Dressed. Effective January 7, 1943. Amended March 4 and September 22, 1943.

Chickens, Eviscerated. Effective July 1, 1944.

Ducks, Geese, Guineas and Squabs, Dressed. Effective January 19, 1943.

Poultry, Live. Effective July 15, 1944.

Rabbits, Dressed Domestic. Effective April 1932.

Turkeys, Dressed. Effective November 6, 1942. Last amendment January 1, 1947.

Turkeys, Eviscerated. Effective November 20, 1944.

(Multilithed or mimeographed circulars)

Fruits and Vegetables (including nuts):

Fresh (including nuts):

Anise, Sweet. Effective December 3, 1930.

Apples. Effective September 1, 1937. (SRA-PMA 154)

Apples for Processing. Effective September 2, 1946.

Apricots. Effective May 25, 1928.

Artichokes. Effective February 10, 1926.

Asparagus, Fresh. Effective February 15, 1941.

Asparagus, Green, for Canning and Freezing. Effective December 22, 1937.

Asparagus Plumosus. Effective June 6, 1930.

Beans, Fresh Faba (Fava). Effective April 16, 1931.

Beans, Lima. Effective January 5, 1938.

Beans, Lima. Fresh Shelled for Processing. Effective December 27, 1945.

Beans, Snap. Effective August 1, 1936.

Beans, Snap for Canning or Freezing. Effective March 1, 1940.

Beets, Bunched. Effective August 9, 1927.

Beets, Topped. Effective May 1, 1934.

Fruits and Vegetables (including nuts) -- Continued:

Fresh (including nuts) -- Continued:

Beets, with Short-trimmed Tops. Effective May 13, 1942. Beets for Processing. Effective December 5, 1945. Berries for Processing. Effective June 2, 1947. Broccoli, Bunched Italian Sprouting. Effective July 12, 1943. Cabbage. Effective September 1, 1945. Cabbage for Processing. Effective January 17, 1944. Cantaloups. Effective May 20, 1937. Carrots, Bunched. Effective July 15, 1945. Carrots, Topped. Effective July 15, 1945. Carrots with Short-Trimmed Tops;. Effective July 15, 1945. Carrots for Processing. Effective January 17, 1944. Cauliflower. Effective May 27, 1948. Celery. Effective August 15, 1946. Cherries, Red Sour for Manufacture. Effective April 20, 1941. Cherries. Sweet. Effective June 2, 1927. Cherries, Sweet, for Canning or Freezing. Effective June 1, 1946. Cherries, Sweet, for Export for Sulphur Brining. Effective May 28, 1940. Corn, Green, Effective May 12, 1945. Corn, Sweet for Canning. Effective February 15, 1945. Cucumbers, Greenhouse. Effective October 1, 1934. Cucumbers, for Pickling. Effective December 10, 1936. Cucumbers, Slicing. Effective February 15, 1941. Dewberries and Blackberries. Effective February 13, 1928. Eggplant. Effective December 1, 1933. Endive or Escarole or Chicory. Effective June 15, 1933. Filberts in the Shell. Effective September 10, 1948. Garlic. Effective September 4, 1944. Grapes, American (Eastern Type) Bunch. Effective July 19, 1943. Grapes, American (Eastern Type) Bunch, for Processing and Freezing. Effective July 5, 1943. Grapes, Juice (European Type). Effective July 20, 1939. Grapes, Sawdust Pack (European Type). Effective July 20, 1939. Grapes, Table (European Type). Effective July 20, 1939. Grapefruit (California and Arizona). Effective March 30, 1947. Grapefruit. Effective August 29, 1948. Honey Dew and Honey Ball Melons. Effective May 20, 1937. Horseradish Roots. Effective July 27, 1936. Kale. Effective April 25, 1934. Lemons. Effective March 15, 1941. Lettuce. Effective March 15, 1934. Lettuce, Greenhouse Leaf. Effective October 1, 1934. Limes, Persian (Tahiti). Effective May 1, 1939. Mushrooms. Effective October 1, 1928. Mustard Greens. Effective December 18, 1928. Nectarines. Effective July 27, 1938. Okra. Effective December 18, 1928. Onions, Bermuda. Effective March 29, 1937. Onions, Creole. Effective April 10, 1943.

Onions, Northern Grown. Effective July 31, 1944. Onions for Processing. Effective January 17, 1944.

Fruits and Vegetables (including nuts) -- Continued:

Fresh (including nuts) -- Continued:

Onions, Common Green, Effective June 20, 1947.

Onion Sets. Effective February 1, 1940.

Oranges (California and Arizona). Effective March 15, 1941.

Oranges (Florida and Texas). Effective September 14, 1948.

Parsley. Effective July 30, 1930.

Parsnips. Effective December 10, 1945.

Peaches. Effective April 22, 1933.

Peaches, Fresh Freestone, for Canning. Effective April 17, 1946.

Peaches, Fresh Freestone, for Freezing or Fulping. Effective April 17, 1948.

Peanuts, Farmers' Stock White Spanish. Effective October 11, 1928.

Peanuts, Farmers' Stock Virginia Type. Effective November 1, 1934.

Peanuts, Farmers Stock Runner. Effective September 1, 1931.

Peanuts, Cleaned Virginia Type in the Shell. Effective September 18, 1948.

Peanuts, Shelled Runner. Effective September 3, 1946.

Peanuts, Shelled Virginia Type. Effective November 1, 1939.

Peanuts, Shelled White Spanish. Effective September 1, 1939.

Pears, Summer and Fall, such as Bartlett, Hardy, and other similar varieties. Effective June 27, 1940.

Pears, Winter, such as Anjou, Bose, Winter Helis, Comice and other similar varieties. Effective July 8, 1940.

Pears, for Canning. Effective June 12, 1939.

Peas, Fresh. Effective June 1, 1942.

Peas, Fresh Shelled, for Canning or Freezing. Effective January 15, 1946.

Pecans, Shelled. Effective November 1, 1938.

Pecans, Unshelled. Effective September 15, 1943.

Peonies, Cut, in the Bud. Effective April 1, 1938.

Peppers, Sweet. Effective July 29, 1946.

Peppers, Sweet, for Processing. Effective March 22, 1948.

Pineapples. Effective December 4, 1931.

Pineapples (Porto Rican). Effective October 27, 1931.

Plums and Prunes (Fresh). Effective June 5, 1948. Potatoes. Effective June 1, 1942. (SRA-AMA 151)

Potatoes, Consumer Standards. Effective December 8, 1947.

Potatoes, Sweet. Effective August 2, 1948.

Radishes, Bunched. Effective February 25, 1926.

Raspberries. Effective May 29, 1931.

Rhubarb (Field Grown). Effective March 10, 1933.

Romaine. Effective December 18, 1928.

Shallots, Bunched. Effective December 16, 1946.

Spinach. Effective September 4, 1931.

Spinach, Fresh for Canning. Effective April 10, 1931.

Spinach Leaves, Fresh. Effective December 27, 1946.

Spinach Leaves, Fresh, Consumer Standards. Effective February 28, 1948.

Squash, Fall and Winter Type. Effective November 15, 1944.

Squash, Summer. Effective March 26, 1945.

Strawberries. Effective March 23, 1942.

Strawberries, Growers' Stock for Manufacture. Effective June 1, 1935. Strawberries, Washed and Sorted for Freezing. Effective June 1, 1935.

Tangerines. Effective September 18, 1948.

Tomatoes, Fresh. Effective February 5, 1947. Tomatoes, Fresh, Consumer Standards. Effective October 10, 1948.

Tomatoes, Canning. Effective December 31, 1938.

Fruits and Vegetables (including nuts) -- Continued:

Fresh (including nuts) -- Continued:

Tomatoes for Manufacture of Strained Tomato Products. Effective March 1, 1968. Tomatoes, Greenhouse. Effective October 1, 1934.

Tomato Plants. Effective January 3, 1944.

Turnips, Bunched. Effective August 9, 1927.

Turnip Greens. Effective December 18, 1928.

Turnips or Rutabagas (Topped). Effective April 15, 1935.

Walnuts, English, Shelled (Juglans regia). Effective September 30, 1939.

Walnuts, English, Unshelled (Juglans regia). Effective September 30, 1939.

Watermelons. Effective February 12, 1945.

(Mimeographed circulars unless otherwise stated)

Canned:

Apples. Effective November 1, 1943. Apple Butter. Effective October 1, 1945. Apple Juice. Effective February 15, 1941. Apple Sauce. Effective January 25, 1934. Apricots. Effective June 15, 1945. Asparagus, Effective May 1, 1945. Beans, Dried. Effective October 24, 1947. Beans, Lima. Effective September 1, 1936. Beans, Green and Wax. Effective October 2, 1948. Beets. Effective July 9, 1948. Blackberries. Effective May 15, 1940. Blueberries or Huckleberries. Effective August 1, 1946. Carrots. Effective July 1, 1940. Cherries, Pitted, Sulphured. Effective May 17, 1934. Cherries, Unpitted, Sulphured. Effective May 17, 1934. Cherries, Red Sour Pitted. Effective July 15, 1941. Cherries, Sweet. Effective May 15, 1940. Corn, Cream-style. Effective December 1, 1932. Corn, Whole-grain. Effective December 1, 1932. Figs, Kadota. Effective November 15, 1945. Fruit Cocktail. Effective February 1, 1941. Fruit Jelly. Effective January 2, 1948. Fruit Preserves (or Jams). Effective March 13, 1949. Fruits for Salad. Effective April 1, 1942. Grape Juice. Effective June 15, 1945. Grapefruit. Effective January 1, 1943. Grapefruit Juice. Effective November 1, 1946. Grapefruit Juice, Concentrated. Effective November 15, 1945. Grapefruit and Orange Juice, Blended. Effective November 1, 1945. Amended January 2, 1946. Honey, Extracted. Effective March 15, 1943. Huckleberries (See Blueberries) Jams (See Fruit Preserves) Lemon Juice. Effective July 1, 1941.

Fruits and Vegetables (including nuts) -- Continued:

Canned:

Maple Sirup, Table. Effective February 15, 1940. Maple Sirup for Reprocessing. Effective February 15, 1940. Mushrooms. Effective May 15, 1941. Okra. Effective October 18, 1933. Olive Oil. Effective March 22, 1948. Olives, Ripe. Effective March 1, 1941. Olives, Green. Effective June 1, 1946. Olives, Salt-cured, Oil Coated. Effective November 25, 1940. Olives, Sicilian Style. Effective November 25, 1940. Orange Juice. Effective November 15, 1946. Orange Juice, Concentrated. Effective August 16, 1943. Amended November 1, 1944. Peaches, Freestone. Effective July 1, 1942. Peaches, Yellow Clingstone. Effective July 1, 1942. Peanut Butter. Effective September 1, 1942. Pears. Effective April 15, 1942. Peas. Effective May 1, 1942. Amended May 21, 1945. Supplement May 21, 1945. Peas, Black-eye. Effective April 10, 1939. Pickles, Cucumber. Effective August 23, 1948. Pimientos. Effective October 6, 1933. Pineapple. Effective May 31, 1943. Pineapple Juice. Effective May 15, 1943. Plums. Effective August 15, 1946. Prunes, Canned Dried. Effective March 1, 1946. Pumpkin (Squash). Effective March 15, 1934. Raspberries, Red. Effective May 15, 1940. Sauerkraut. Effective February 8, 1933. Sauerkraut, Barreled or Bulk. Effective May 27, 1935. Spinach (and other Greens). Effective December 1, 1941. Succotash. Effective March 15, 1944. Sweetpotatoes. Effective March 15, 1947. Tangerine Juice. Affective April 15, 1947. Tomatoes. Effective August 1, 1946. Tomato Catsup. Effective April 15, 1941. Tomato Juice. Effective August 29, 1938. Tomato Puree (Tomato Pulp). Effective January 1, 1945. Tomato Paste. Effective September 15, 1944. (Mimeographed circulars)

Dried:

Apples. Effective November 1, 1943.
Apricots. Effective June 1, 1945.
Currants, Zante. Effective August 15, 1943.
Dates. Effective August 11, 1947.
Figs. Effective April 16, 1945.
Peaches. Effective June 30, 1945.
Pears. Effective June 30, 1945.
Prunes. Effective June 30, 1945.
Raisins (Processed). Effective October 15, 1946.
(Mimeographed circulars)

Fruits and Vegetables (including nuts) -- Continued:

Frozen:

Apples. Effective August 1, 1945.

Apricots. Effective June 30, 1945. Amended - Grades for Manufacturing, July 1, 1946.

Asparagus. Effective April 15, 1944.

Beans, Lima. Effective March 15, 1945.

Beans, Snap. Effective April 15, 1944.

Berries (Blackberries, Boysenberries, Dewberries, Loganberries, Youngberries, and other similar types). Effective August 15, 1946.

Blueberries or Huckleberries. Effective August 1, 1946.

Broccoli. Effective July 1, 1942.

Brussels Sprouts. Effective June 15, 1945.

Cauliflower. Effective August 1, 1945.

Cherries, Red Sour Pitted. Effective July 15, 1942.

Cherries, Sweet. Effective June 1, 1946.

Corn, Whole-grain. Effective April 15, 1944.

Grapefruit. Effective February 19, 1948.

Huckleberries (See Blueberries)

Peaches. Effective June 30, 1945. Amended - Grades for Manufacturing, June 1, 1946.

Peas. Effective March 15, 1945.

Pineapple. Effective January 24, 1949.

Raspberries. Effective August 16, 1948.

Rhubarb. Effective August 15, 1945.

Spinach. Effective November 9, 1947.

Strawberries. Effective May 17, 1948.

(Mimeographed circulars)

Grain Products, Hay and Straw:

Grain Products:

Beans. Effective September 1, 1941.

Broomcorn. Effective March 1, 1931.

Hops. Instructions and Procedures for the Inspection of Hops. Effective August 1, 1944. Amended September 1948. (Tentative)

Lentils. Effective November 13, 1942.

Peas, Dry. Effective July 20, 1937.

Peas, Split. Effective August 10, 1937.

Rice, Brown. Effective May 15, 1942.

Rice, Milled. Effective September 4, 1946.

Rice, Rough. Effective May 15, 1942.

(Mimeographed circulars)

Grain Products, Hay and Straw--Continued:

Hay and Straw:

Alfalfa and Alfalfa Mixed Hay. Effective September 1, 1944. Cowpea and Cowpea Mixed Hay. Effective September 1, 1944. Grain, Wild Oat, Vetch, and Grain Mixed Hay. Effective September 1, 1944. Grass Hay. Effective September 1, 1944. Johnson and Johnson Mixed Hay. Effective September 1, 1944. Lespedeza and Lespedeza Mixed Hay. Effective September 1, 1944. Mixed Hay. Effective September 1, 1944. Peanut and Peanut Mixed Hay. Effective September 1, 1944. Prairie Hay. Effective September 1, 1944. Soybean and Soybean Mixed Hay. Effective September 1, 1944. Timothy and Clover Hay. Effective September 1, 1944. Straw (Wheat, Oat, Barley, Rye, and Rice). Effective September 1, 1944.

(Handbook of Official Hay and Straw Standards, Revised 1944)

Livestock, Meats, and Wool (including hides and skins):

Livestock:

Slaughter Cattle. Effective July 16, 1928. Amended July 24, 1939. (SRA-BAE 112, "Official United States Standards for Grades of Slaughter Cattle" and Dept. Bul. 1464, "Market Classes and Grades of Cattle")

Vealers and Slaughter Calves. Effective July 16, 1928.

(SRA-BAE 113, "Official United States Standards for Grades of Vealers and Slaughter Calves" and Cir. 28, "Market Classes and Grades of Calves and

Stocker and Feeder Cattle and Calves, Recommended 1938. Last revision August 1942. (Cir. 505, "Market Classes and Grades of Feeder and Stocker Cattle")

Lambs and Sheep. Effective March 1936. Slightly revised July 1940. (Cir. 383, "Market Classes and Grades of Lambs and Sheep")

Swine. Effective September 1940. (Cir. 569, "Marked Classes and Grades of Swine")

Meats:

Carcass Beef. Effective June 3, 1926. Last Amendment December 1946. (SRA-PMA 99, "Official United States Standards for Grades of Carcass Beef") Veal and Calf Carcasses. Issued September 1928. Last Amendment December 1946. (SRA-PMA 114, "Official United States Standards for Grades of Veal and Calf Carcasses", and Cir. 103, "Market Classes and Grades of Dressed Veal and Calf Carcasses")

Lamb Carcasses, Yearling Mutton, and Mutton Carcasses. Effective February 16, 1931. Amended October 5, 1940. (SRA-AMA 123, "Official United States Standards for Grades of Lamb Carcasses, Yearling Mutton, and Mutton Carcasses", and Dept. Bul. 1470, "Market Classes and Grades of Dressed Lamb and Mutton")

Pork Carcasses and Fresh Pork Cuts. Issued October 1933. (Cir. 288, "Market Classes and Grades of Pork Carcasses and Fresh Pork Cuts")

Livestock, Meats, and Wool (Including hides and skins) -- Continued:

Wool:

Wool, Diameter of Fiber. Effective September 1, 1931. Amended November 20, 1942. (SRA-BAE 135, "Official Standards of the United States for Grades of Wool and Wool Top and Rules and Regulations for Distribution of Practical Forms of Wool and Wool Top Standards Under Wool Standards Act of May 17, 1928")

Wool Top, Diameter of Fiber. Effective September 1, 1931. Amended January 1, 1940. (SRA-BAE 135, "Official Standards of the United States for Grades of Wool and Wool Top and Rules and Regulations for Distribution of Practical Forms of Wool and Wool Top Standards Under Wool Standards Act of May 17, 1928")

Hides and Skins:

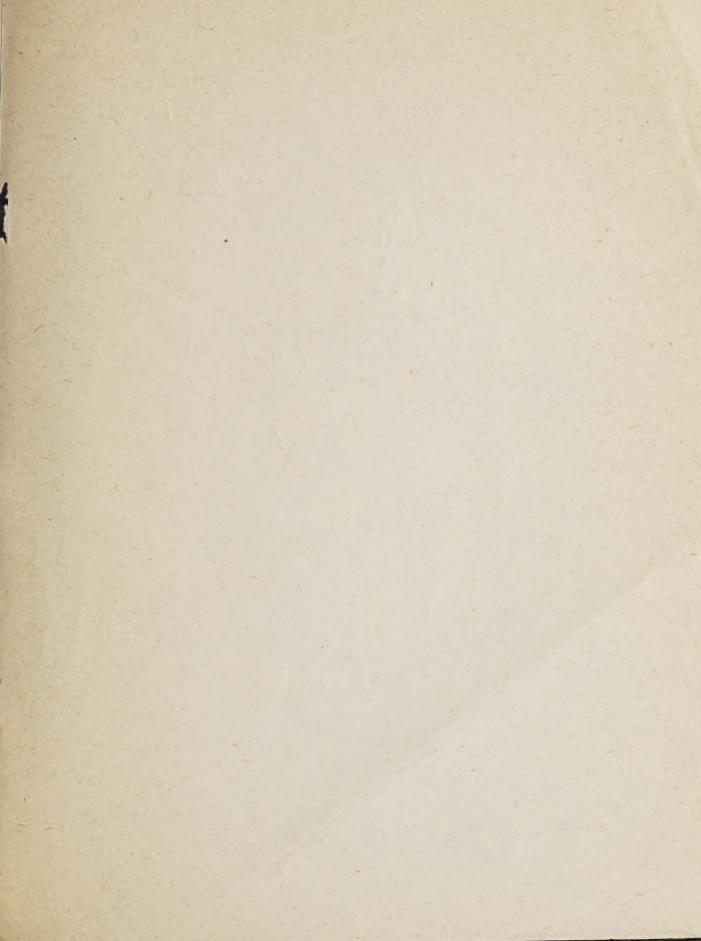
Butcher and Country Green Salted Cattle Hides. Market Classes and Grades. Recommended 1932. (Tentative)

Green Salted Kips and Calfskins. Market Classes and Grades.
Recommended 1931. (Tentative)

(Mimeographed circulars)

Tobacco:

United States Standard Tobacco Sizes. Recommended 1926. (Tentative)
(Misc. Cir. 83)



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